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# All About Algonkian



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## Honoring Memorial Day



I hope that everyone spent time on Memorial Day remembering the sacrifices that so many have made to our great nation to protect our freedoms. To all of the service members and families of service members in my district, please know that I am thankful for your sacrifice. I was humbled to join American Legion Post 150 and local scouts for their Memorial Day Ceremony.

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## Happy First Day of Pride Month!



Today is the first day of Pride Month. Pride has its roots in the Stonewall riots of the 1960s in New York, which was a protest against inequality and injustice against the LGBTQ+ community. It is an annual time in which we celebrate the vibrancy of our LGBTQ+ community and commit to working towards a future that is equitable and inclusive. I will always be an ally to our LGBTQ+ neighbors, students, and community members. I am honored to be a co-sponsor of the Pride Proclamation from the Board of Supervisors, which was led by Supervisor Glass.

The Loudoun Pride Festival is back for 2023 on Sunday, June 4th. The event is expected to welcome nearly 3,000 attendees and over 100 businesses to

celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Loudoun County. It will include live entertainment, a wine and beer garden, food vendors, family fun, an allies exhibition, and more. The event will take place from 1pm to 7pm at Claude Moore Park. To learn more about the event and buy tickets, please visit [www.eqloco.com/pride](http://www.eqloco.com/pride)

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2023



Last night I had the honor of attending the Potomac Falls High School graduation. It was wonderful to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of so many of our Algonkian district students. If you are a student graduating in the class of 2023 or a parent of graduating student: Congratulations on your remarkable achievement. As a parent to a graduating senior, I know how much this achievement means to our students and families.

I am excited to be attending the graduations of W.O. Robey High School and Dominion High School in the coming weeks.

As a parent to a graduating senior, I know how much this achievement means to our students and families. Today, I was thrilled to join my son on a walk through Horizon Elementary School with his classmates. As a lifelong LCPS student, he was able to meet his Kindergarten Teacher and connect with classmates he grew up with.



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## Dominion Energy Transmission Project



Dominion Energy is anticipating needs for new 500 kV and 230 kV electric transmission line infrastructure, including new substations, in the Loudoun County and Ashburn areas. Dominion Energy claims that increased power demands are driving the need for this infrastructure. I have expressed and will continue to express concerns about any plans that include high-powered transmission lines along Route 7 and in the Algonkian district.

Postcards were sent out by Dominion over the weekend to Loudoun County residents, including the Algonkian District, containing information about the project. There are two community meetings planned in order to take resident feedback:

- June 22, 2023 from 12pm - 1pm on Zoom (log-in details TBD)
- June 29, 2023 from 5pm - 8pm in-person (location TBD)

As soon as Dominion Energy shares the sign-up information for the virtual meeting on June 22nd and shares the location for the in-person meeting on June 29th, my office will publicize that information. I encourage all residents to share their feedback at the advertised meetings. My office will continue to relay constituent concerns to our contacts at Dominion Energy. To stay up-to-date on project updates, visit [DominionEnergy.com/NOVA](https://www.dominionenergy.com/NOVA)

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## Metropolitan Washington 2023 Homelessness Point-in-Time Count Released

## Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington

### Results and Analysis from the 2023 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness



[loudoun.gov/PointInTime](https://loudoun.gov/PointInTime)



Homelessness in the Washington D.C. region is up 18% over last year, according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' May 2023 [Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the 2023 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness](#) report. The number of people experiencing homelessness in the region increased by 1,300 since 2022. In Loudoun County, the number of persons experiencing homelessness increased by 30% in the last five years, from 169 persons in 2019 to 220 in 2023. Read the report [here](#).

"The rise in homelessness from 2022 highlights the challenges that members of our community continue to face," said Loudoun County Department of Family Services Director Ina Fernández. "We continue to provide year-round support services to anyone in our community who may be experiencing a housing crisis and wants to accept our assistance."

Anyone experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County is encouraged to contact the Department of Family Services' Information & Referral /Coordinated Entry program at 703-777-0420.

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